

REMARKS

In an Office Action dated June 22, 2004 (paper no. 11), the Examiner has divided claims 1-7 into Group I and claims 8-10 into Group II, imposing a restriction requirement between the groups. The applicant elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-1-7. Accordingly, the applicant has amended claims 8-10 to depend, directly or indirectly, upon claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn upon reconsideration of the application. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (847) 576-3635.

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